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In re Application of
Arlene Weisenberg *et al*
Application No. 10/002,692
Filed: October 31, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 4004

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: DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on January 11, 2002. The \$130.00 petition fee has been received.

The petition is granted.

The petition to make special is based upon the fact that the invention is for countering terrorism. A review of the petition shows that all of the requirements established in MPEP § 708.02(XI) for a petition on that grounds have been satisfied. Therefore, petitioner is entitled to have this application handled special in accordance with MPEP § 708.02, subsection styled "Handling of Petitions to Make Special".

Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution. Prior to all further actions on the merits, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3727 who will forward the application to the examiner for action consistent with this Decision.

PETITION GRANTED.

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